

REMARKS

[0003] Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and allowance of all of the claims of the application. Claims 1-20 are presently pending. Claims amended herein are none. Claims withdrawn or cancelled herein are 21-86. New claims added herein are none.

[0004]

Election/Restriction

[0005] The claims are subjected to a restriction/election requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121 as containing four patentably distinct groups of the claimed invention:

- I. Claims 1-20, are drawn to a adding a connection state to a protocol stack, as classified in class 709, subclass 228.
- II. Claims 21-43, are drawn to migrating a connection, as classified in class 709, subclass 239.
- III. Claims 44-55, are drawn to creating a tunnel for a migrated connection, as classified in class 709, subclass 238.
- IV. Claims 56-86, are drawn to mapping flow identifiers in packet headers, as classified in class 709, subclass 246.

[0006] Applicant hereby elects—with traverse—to prosecute Group I (claims 1-20) in the event that the restriction/election requirement as set forth above is maintained. Consequently, claims 21-86 are effectively withdrawn.

Formal Request for an Interview

[0007] If the Office's reply to this communication is anything other than allowance of all pending claims, then I formally request an interview with the Examiner. I encourage the Examiner to call me—the undersigned Agent for the Applicant—so that we can talk about this matter so as to resolve any outstanding issue quickly and efficiently over the phone.

[0008] Otherwise, please contact me or my assistant to schedule a date and time for a telephone interview that is most convenient for both of us. While email works great for us, I welcome your call to either of us as well. Our contact information may be found on the last page of this response.

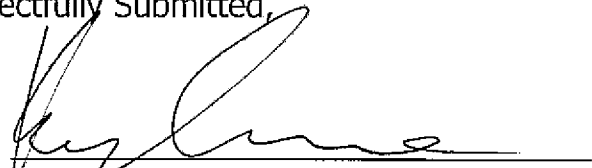
Conclusion

[0009] All pending claims are in condition for allowance. Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration and prompt issuance of the application. If any issues remain that prevent issuance of this application, the **Examiner is urged to contact me before issuing a subsequent Action.** Please call/email me or my assistant at your convenience.

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